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into it, we discovered that there were concerns on the part of counties that if a person petitioned the county board for access to an isolated tract, that if that access were granted by the county board, that the county might have to sustain considerable expense for surveying and engineering and developing the road, and then also that it might have to be up to the standards of the...of the roads that the other...that the Board of Educational classifications of roads set standards, and we also have federal standards that these, what we intend to be just minimal access passages, if you will, trails, might have to be constructed to those standards. So we certainly didn't want to thrust that kind of thing upon the counties where these isolated tracts might be so we...we let the bill go last year. We introduced the bill this year and spent a little bit more time in committee and in discussions with county concerns and with the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. And what we came up with is this amendment. And this amendment came out of committee as LB 705 and it is being offered as an amendment to this Educational Lands and Funds bill, LB 779, and I do feel and hope that it is germane and appropriate to offer this amendment on this particular bill. The proposal as it...as it's being offered would do basically two things. It would allow those who purchase isolated tracts of land directly from the state of Nebraska, and that would include the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, to qualify to petition the county for access to isolated lands. Now due to a technicality or the way the statute is read, those who purchase isolated land from the state of Nebraska have not, under the interpretation of the statute, been able to qualify to petition for this access because, ironically, it wasn't isolated before they purchased it. If you heard my beginning of my introduction, you might have a situation where you have an isolated tract. You have a person next to that tract who maybe is renting it and grants access or has access through his own land, of course, to this parcel. So it isn't isolated until after it is purchased by a third party and that, interestingly enough, disqualifies that person from petitioning for access. Secondly, it clarifies that in these situations where the counties lay out access to an isolated tract, they need only lay out an ingress and egress to the land, ingress and egress that is not subject to the Nebraska public roads classification system. So it would not have to be designed to those standards. It also places the cost...it